



South Puget Sound Local Implementing Organization PROPOSAL

Focus: The South Puget Sound organization will focus on sustainability, including environmental, economic, and community health, through the implementation of a South Puget Sound workplan. The South Puget Sound (SPS) workplan will identify organizational goals and measurable targets. The South Puget Sound Action Agenda profile is one tool that strives toward these objectives and, in addition, other tools may be developed and implemented by the organization.

Mission: To support coordinated and collaborative decision-making aimed at restoring and protecting the ecological and socio-economic health of South Puget Sound.

Structure: The organization will include a Council with an Executive Committee, working groups, a Citizen's Advisory Committee, and staff. The organization will be established by local authorization.

1. Executive Committee – South Puget Sound tribal and county elected officials, representing four counties and three tribes, will form an Executive Committee. The Committee will function as the decision-making body for the organization and will provide fiscal oversight. The Committee will specifically consider the recommendations of the South Puget Sound Council. Certain key decisions will be reserved for the Executive Committee while others will be the domain of the full Council. The Executive Committee will differentiate these decision points during the first operational quarter. A list of Executive Committee members is provided below.

2. South Puget Sound Council – The Council will represent the broad interests of the South Sound community, will advise the Executive Committee on certain critical decisions and be directly involved in other decisions, and will implement workplan activities. Members will be appointed to the Council by the Executive Committee. A draft membership list is provided below.

3. Working Groups – Working groups, including some existing SPS groups, will be assigned as needed to complete and/or report on specific tasks for SPS workplan implementation. Membership on these working groups will not be limited to Council members.

- a. South Sound Science – Technical group tasked with identifying priorities for the regional plan through scientific research. A goal of the group is to establish an independent South Sound Science Institute through grant funding. Members include the Squaxin Island Tribe and others.

- b. Core Group – Existing group of South Sound entities will be tasked with reviewing and recommending prioritized strategies in the SPS Action Agenda profile.
- c. South Sound Salmon Recovery Group (SSSRG) – Existing group of Lead Entity Coordinators, tribal and county representatives, and state agencies responsible for implementing the SPS Salmon Recovery Plan Chapter.
- d. EcoNET – Existing groups of environmental education and outreach organizations responsible for implementing a SPS public outreach and education strategy.
- e. Other Committees – To be identified or formed as needed. For example, a Business and Tourism Committee, and a Phase II Stormwater Committees may be formed if needed.

3. Citizen's Advisory Committee – An advisory committee of South Puget Sound citizens will be established as a forum for engaging the public and integrating citizen interests in the organization's activities. Several volunteer citizens will be selected by the Citizen's Advisory Committee and appointed by the Executive Committee as members of the Council.

4. Staff – A staff person will be hired to provide administrative coordination and communication support for the organization and to track the progress of workplan activities.

South Puget Sound Executive Committee Membership

Membership	Representatives
Counties	Kitsap County
	Mason County
	Pierce County
	Thurston County
Tribes	Nisqually Tribe
	Squaxin Island Tribe
	Puyallup Tribe (as available)

South Puget Sound Council Membership (30 Seats Total)

Membership Caucus	Representatives	Number of Seats
Citizens		3 Total
	Citizen Advisory Committee Members	
Counties		5 Total
	Pierce County	(2)
	Thurston County	(1)
	Mason County	(1)
	Kitsap County	(1)
Tribes		3 Total
	Nisqually Tribe	(1)
	Squaxin Island Tribe	(1)
	Puyallup Tribe	(1)
City Caucus		3 Total
	Large Cities	(1)
	Small Cities	(1)
	Ports	(1)
Water and Waste Management		1 Total
	Wastewater Treatment Facilities	
NGO Caucus		2 Total
	Environmental Orgs	
	Land Trusts	
	Interfaith Based Orgs	
	Other NGO's	
Business/Industry Caucus		4 Total
	Chamber of Commerce	(1)
	Aquaculture Industry	(1)
	Timber Industry	(1)
	Economic Development Councils	(1)
Public Education/Outreach		1 Total
	ECONets	
	Other Outreach Groups	
Salmon Recovery Lead Entities		1 Total
	WRIAs 10/12, 11, 13, 14, 15	
River Councils		1 Total
	Nisqually River Council	
	Other River Councils	
Watershed Groups		1 Total
	KGI Watershed	
	Chambers-Clover Watershed	
	Deschutes Watershed Council	
	Other Watersheds	
SPS Rep. on the Ecosystem Coordination Board		1 Total
State Agencies Caucus		3 Total
	Enviro Agencies	(1)
	Economic Agencies	(1)
	Community Agencies	(1)
Federal Agencies Caucus		1 Total
	Enviro Agencies	
	Economic Agencies	
	Community Agencies	

Operating Principles, Guidelines, Organizational Functions, and Outreach Strategy

Operating Principles

- Science-based actions – Scientific information and research will be integrated into all of the organization's decision-making.
- Commitment to collaborative implementation – The jurisdictions in South Puget Sound will commit to work collaboratively on local implementation actions.
- Clear measures of success – The organization will facilitate the development of measureable, science-based goals and benchmarks for implementation.
- Monitoring and accountability – The organization will serve a monitoring and communications role to help each jurisdiction ensure that monitoring of locally implemented actions are together achieving the desired goals and benchmarks.
- Constituent involvement – The organization will support and build individual ownership and participation in the protection and recovery of the South Puget Sound, and will develop mechanisms for input and involvement from constituencies.
- Adaptive Management – the tenants of adaptive management, including the principles of planning, action, monitoring, and critical evaluation of all elements of this effort will be integrated into all elements and workplans of this effort, including the structure, decision making process, and fiscal status of the Council on a regular basis.

Operating Guidelines:

- Funding and Fiscal Management – Financial commitment from the Puget Sound Partnership is needed. The workgroup requests an annual operating budget of \$150,000 to \$300,000.
- Decision-making – The organization will strive to reach decisions through consensus. When consensus is not possible the organization will base decisions on a majority vote.

Organizational Functions:

- Recommend a comprehensive, coordinated strategy for protecting and restoring the environmental and socio-economic health of South Puget Sound
- Recommend any changes needed to Action Agenda strategies for the South Sound
- Schedule, sequence, resource, implement, track, and assess workplan activities and local Action Agenda strategies
- Apply a project management approach to workplan implementation
- Assist partners in their applications for grant funding for workplan implementation
- Recommend actions for obtaining representation of South Puget Sound priorities at the Puget Sound level
- Identify barriers to implementation and recommend actions to resolve them through collaboration and advocacy as appropriate
- Update and advise the South Puget Sound representative to the ECB
- Track implementation of the South Puget Sound chapter of the Puget Sound Chinook Recovery Plan

- Update and advise the South Sound representatives on the Salmon Recovery Council

Public Outreach Strategy:

Purpose - The purpose of public outreach is to provide opportunities for public input on the SPS local implementing organization (LIO) and to invite citizens to join the SPS Citizen Advisory Committee.

Media Releases - The opportunity to comment on the LIO or apply for a seat on the Citizen Advisory Committee will be announced through the local media.

Outreach to Citizen Groups - PSP staff and SPS workgroup members will visit local citizen groups to provide information on the LIO and Citizen's Advisory Committee.